1	2	3	4	5
11.	Integrated Sample Survey Scheme	4.25	2.50	4.00
12.	Animal Husbandry .Extension Programme	44.25	—	—

National Policy for F.P.I.

2878. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring a National Policy for the Food Processing Industries;

(b) whether the Committee constituted for this purpose has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by when the policy is likely to be announced; and

(d) whether Government have earmarked any National Fund for development of the food processing sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) to (c) Department of Food Processing Industries (DFPI) organized four Regional Seminars at Kolkata, Mumbai, Bangalore and Lucknow to elicit regional inputs towards formulation of National 'Policy. Subsequently, a National Conference was also held at Delhi in this regard. Accordingly, a draft National Policy has since been drawn up, which broadly covers issues relating to availability of raw material, backward linkages, processing facilities including post-harvest infrastructure, packaging, food quality and safety etc. Taking into consideration the various procedures to be followed, a definite timeframe for the finalisation of the policy *is* difficult to envisage.

(d) The draft policy envisages creation of a processed food development fund.